



St. Charles Garnier Parish

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Why has this happened to me,
that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

Luke 1



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christmas Message!

Merry Christmas! May the Holy Birth of the Messiah, Jesus, shower upon you, your family and all your near and dear ones with Joy, Peace and Prosperity. God gifts us Christ in His Birth to the World. The Letter to Titus 2:11-14 qualifies this statement: "The Grace of God has appeared, bring Salvation for all". Grace is the gratuitous gift of God. It's freely given to all, to become Sons & Daughters of Christ. Since Christ was born as a Human, we are given 'Hope' to Behold Him in our midst, honoring His Holy Birth.

An ancient Eastern Poet wrote, " Let the king and the beggar, Rich and the poor, the Learned and the illiterate" all fall on their knees and adore Him as the Lord! Luke the Evangelist in his writings (Lk 2: 1-16) beautifully presents the social condition of Joseph and Mary with the Child Jesus: ' She gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in Swaddling Clothes and laid Him in a Manger". They were practically poor and did not have enough means to rent an inn.

Jesus might have been born in one of the caves of Bethlehem. At that time of history, Palestinian families used the caves to house their livestock's. The caves had provided privacy and also warmth to this young mother and her New Born in the company of Joseph. The Birth of Christ was first announced to the poor shepherds in their neighborhood. Shepherds in Israel at that time of the Birth of Jesus, did not have any social status and no one befriended them. They were considered to be poor and had no reputation, except that of the smell of their sheep. They had a miserable life. But God chose to reveal Himself to them first.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Dec 27	8:30am	Int. Mona Slavik & Glenda Cutforth
Tue	Dec 28	8:30am	✠ Natalia Milkotic
Wed	Dec 29	8:30am	Int. for all children
Thu	Dec 30	8:30am	✠ Arthur Huber
Fri	Dec 31	8:30pm	✠ Adrian Van de Mosselaert
Sat	Jan 1	5:00pm	Int. Marley Geismayr Int. Brenda Korby
Sun	Dec 26	8:30am	✠ Jim Nish
		10:30am	Int. Benita Spencer

Next Week's Readings

1	<i>Isaiah</i> —	60:1-6
2	<i>Ephesians</i> —	3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel	<i>Matthew</i> —	2:1-12

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God had planned and arranged everything according to His master plan.

The Angel of the Lord is the wondrous Presence in Human History (Ex 40:34) He will be leading and guiding us also if we allow ourselves to be shaped and reshaped by His Grace.

The Angel tells us: (Lk 2:10-11) "I am bringing you Good News of Great Joy for all people. To you is born this day, in the City of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord!". The Angel is inviting us to behold the mystery of the Birth of Christ / Incarnation. Incarnation is the mystery of the Son of God Becoming a Human Being, like one of us. Therefore, Jesus is both God and Human. "God became a human, so that humans may become Gods" wrote St. Athanasius.

Let us fall on our knees and adore the Lord Jesus with our friends and families. Let us be touched by His gracious tenderness today and all the days of our life.

Merry Christmas! May Jesus Bless you all!

Affectionately in Jesus!

Gabriel



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 NIGHT

SACRISTANS

Big thank you to the work bee for Sacristans and decorators.



SCG—Guide to Giving		2021			
December	5	12	19	26	
Monthly Parish Collection Budget	41,500	41,500	41,500	41,500	
Collection/Sag/e-transfers received this month to date. (*)	7,541	16,966			
Average collection to date	7,541	8,483			
Sunday Collection only (*included)	5,069	6,953			

Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson website:

<https://www.nelsondiocese.org/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass & Devotions

Live stream click [here](#)

St. Charles Garnier Parish

<http://stcharlesgarnier.ca/>

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being
live-streamed Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Livestream click [here](#)

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS—DIOCESE OF NELSON



News and Announcements from Diocese of Nelson please click [here](#).

Videos, scripts, prayers for the 4th week of advent are available on the CCCB website, this week theme: "reconciliation"



For Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website click [here](#).

SSVP



On behalf of our neighbours receiving a Christmas Hamper we wish to acknowledge the generous donations from the parish. Thank you. Tax receipts will be issued in early 2022. Also a thank you to the Knights of Columbus for procuring winter coats

for the children and to the firm of Crowe Mackay, our corporate sponsor, whose employees provided gifts for the children. Note: All monetary donations must be received before December 31, 2021 in order to receive a tax receipt.

thank
you



CHALICE

Chalice (Catholic Charity) invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that is given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt. To order gifts, please visit: <https://chalice.ca/gift-catalogue> or call 1-800-776-6855 or [Click here](#)



CCO RISE-UP CONFERENCE



January 6 – 8, 2022 Rise Up is a conference for young adults hosted by Catholic Christian Outreach, a Canadian university student movement. But Rise Up is more than a conference; it exists to motivate and inspire leaders for the renewal of the world. Registration is available through www.cco.ca/rise-up with early registration pricing until Nov. 30, 2021 (online and in-person options available).

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

On Gaudete Sunday, the children of the parish brought the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their home Nativity sets, and Father Gabriel blessed them. This beautiful tradition was started by Pope John Paul II, as a way for children to connect their home Nativities to the Christmas celebration at the parish. We look forward to celebrating this every year!



RETREAT WILDERNESS-FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM

Online or in person Retreat **Wilderness -from slavery to freedom** - Aurora Living: Formation Through Word & Creation Program From Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, Edmonton.

“We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental.”
Pope Francis, Laudato Si’ N° 139

Star of the North Retreat Centre for Further information please click [here](#).

Mike Wilson Contact details – email:

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You are invited for

Christmas & New Year Celebration

St. Charles Garnier Parish

3645 Benvoulin Road, V1W 4M7 Kelowna, BC

Christmas Eve:

24th December 2021 (Friday)

4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Children's
Mass—Livestream

7:30 PM Christmas Vigil Night Mass

Christmas Day:

25th December 2021 (Saturday)

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

5:00 PM Saturday Evening Mass (Sunday Mass)

New Year's Masses:

31st December 2021 (Friday)

5:00 PM

1st January 2022 (Saturday)

10:30 AM

1st January 2022 (Saturday—Sunday Mass)

5:00 PM



healing the pain of abortion
-one weekend at a time...

“Oh, my soul, you are not alone. There’s a place where fear has to face the God you know. One more day, He will make a way. Let Him show you how, you can lay this down, ‘cause you’re not alone.”
- Lyrics “Oh my Soul” by Casting Crowns

Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion? You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. Come join us on a Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat.

info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com
www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com

 Rachel’s Vineyard Kelowna 250-762-2273



INDIGENOUS CONNECTION

A Reading from The Indigenous Version of the New Testament—John 1:21-5, 10-14

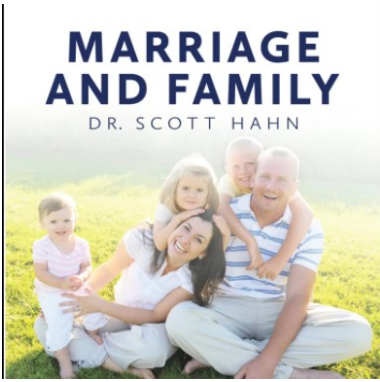
Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator’s life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. He came into the world and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father’s plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator’s Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.



FORMED



The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

Provides amazing content 24/7 for you to learn and grow in your faith.

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stcharlesgarnier.formed.org

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Please contact Nicole Horsman at:

nicolehorsman@telus.net

if you have any further questions about

Formed.org

GIRLS YOURH GROUP

A new initiative to encourage faith and friendship among young women.

Who: Girls in grade 6-8.

When: Sundays (once a month) from 5-8pm
January 16, February 13th, March, 13th... (further dates to be announced)

Where: St. Charles Garnier

What: A free evening of fun filled with food, games, music, crafts and faith-building activities.

Dinner will be served. We will be working with the Blaze Belong "Walking with Purpose"

Catholic program for the faith component of the evening.

How: Please RSVP to Laura Smith

smith.landr@gmail.com or

Nicole Horsman

horsmanfamily@telus.net

Girls need to register, so we can ensure we have enough food and supplies.



CATHOLIC MOMS CONNECT

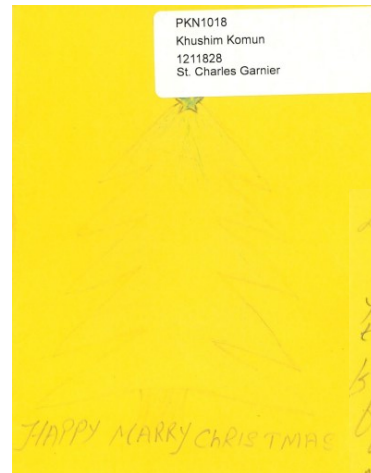
Our mom's group is meeting on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. We invite any moms who are interested in learning more to contact **Abbey at 250-899-4384**. We are also hoping to find more volunteers to help care for our young children while we are meeting.

We are so grateful to all the "Grandmas" who have helped out the last number of years. If you feel that this could be a good fit for you, please contact:

Julia at 250-718-0060.



CHRISTMAS CARD—KHUSHIM KOMUN



Dear
ST. Charles Garnier
you always made Christmas a special
time for me. Now, I hope you can
feel my love and gratitude from
far away sending you my
warmest wishes and blessings
Merry Christmas joyous New
years

your lovingly
Kom. Khushim

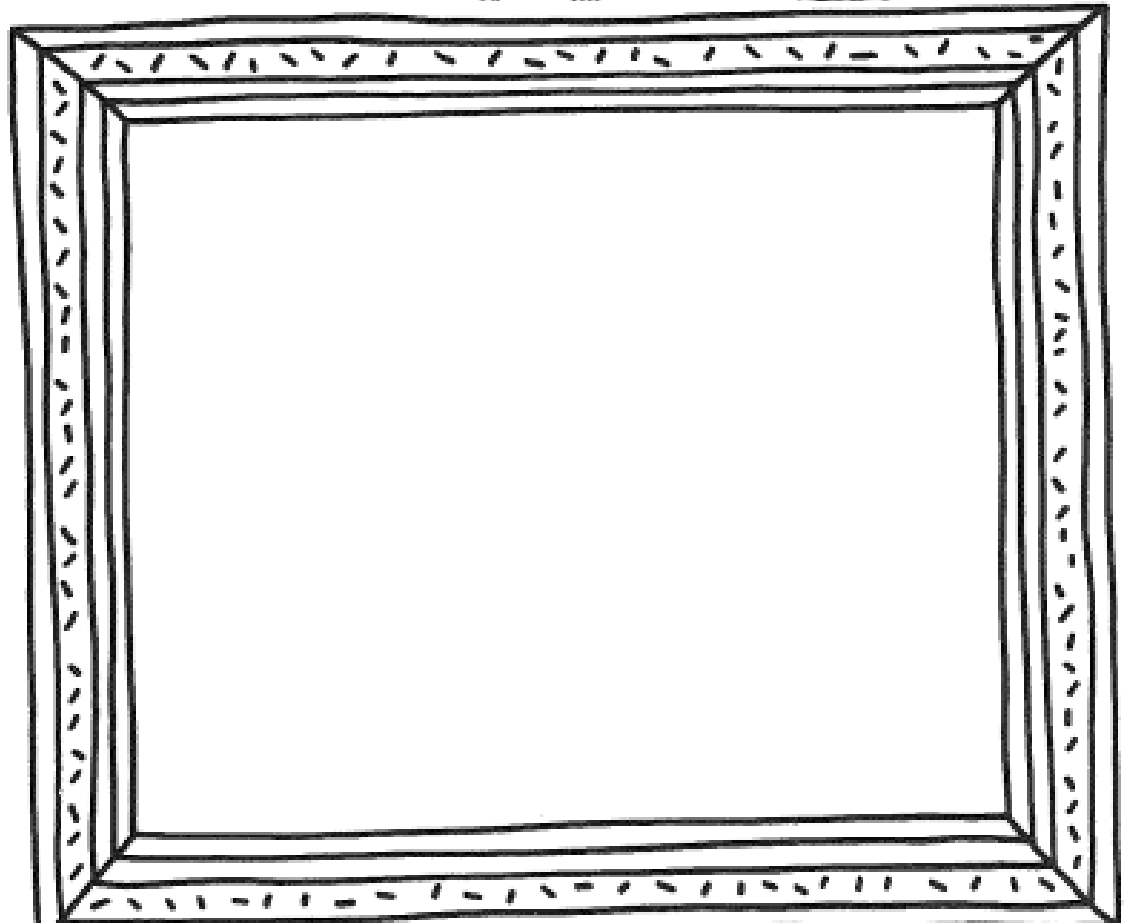
Christmas Day (C)

Luke 2:15-20

Jesus is born!



We celebrate the
Feast of the Holy
Family on Sunday
after Christmas!



Draw and colour a picture of you and your family

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



- Pastor**—Fr. Gabriel
- Chair**—Bernie Schneider
- Liturgist**—Sr. Nancy Hurren
- Financial**—Kevin Schmidt
- Maintenance**—Marie Cameron
- SSVP**—Arnie Schneider
- K of C**—Duncan Boyczuk
- CWL**—Deborah Cloutier
- Outreach**—Stephen Horsman

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Meet second Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am
 Contact: Diane Cey 250-868-9636
 Membership inquiries: Betty Ann Richard bettyannrichard@gmail.com
FR. PANDOSY 4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY—Knights of Columbus
 Meet third Sundays of the month at 2:00 pm
 Inquiries: Gino Servedio 250-764-3182
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS www.stcharleskoc.com
 Meet second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm.
 Grand Knight: Jarrod Stocker 250-869-2219
 Email: jjstocker@shaw.ca

- ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER CIRCLE (*An Apostolate of The Little Flowers of Saint Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order*).
 St. Peregrine is recognized as the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients and Other illnesses. St. Peregrine's Feast Day is celebrated on May 4. If you have friends/family members with cancer or other illnesses we will add them to our list and pray for them & their family daily. We meet once a month and pray together.
 All are welcome to join us. Also, once a month we offer Mass Intentions for the St. Peregrine prayer list.
 Contact: Christine Reeves, OFS. 250-575-2043 E-mail: breevesac@shaw.ca
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - "*The Little Flowers of St. Francis Fraternity*" will be returning to St. Charles when we re-open.
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 250-860-2536
 Meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 9:00 am
FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH—SSVP DONATIONS
SSVP DONATIONS-VEHICLE, RV & TRAILER- KEITH :250-300-1062

MINISTRY COORDINATORS

- If you wish to become involved contact the Parish Office250-860-6776
- Altar Servers Rod Attwell 250-212-3990
- Children's Liturgy Allison Knitting 778-477-3790
- Eucharistic Ministers Dave Crane 250-861-4085
- Hospital Visitation & Eucharist Ethel Robidoux 250-860-2101
- Catholic Moms Connect Group Lindsay Rowe 778-478-1133
- Music JoAnn Young 250-317-8965
- Readers Sr. Nancy 250-808-9805
- Sacristans Brenda Korby 250-859-0840
- Safe Environment Coordinator Jeremy Orr - jeremy@digitcontracting.ca
- Ushers George Jarrouj - georgejarrouj@gmail.com
- Pilgrimage of Faith Rhonda Sali
- Development and Peace Karen Krout—karenjkrout@gmail.com
- Campus Ministry - (Kelowna Catholic Collective) email: ubco.focus@gmail.com

CONTACT NUMBERS

- CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN** Penticton-Linda 250-493-0816
- CLUBHOUSE DAYCARE** 250-860-4393
- CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE** 250-491-1088
- DIOCESE OF NELSON—Catholic Pastoral Centre** 250-448-2725
- ELIZABETH SETON HOUSE OF PRAYER** 250-764-4333
- FREEDOM'S DOOR** freedomdoor@shaw.ca 250-717-0472
- GRIEF TO GRACE** www.GriefftoGrace.org 250-870-8517
- KELOWNA RIGHT TO LIFE** . kelownarighttolife@hotmail.com . 250-870-4103
- OZANAM HOUSE** . . . hope@ozanamhouse.com . . . 250-762-4673(HOPE)
- PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE** 250-763-2112
- RACHEL'S VINEYARD** . . . info@rachelvineyardkelowna.com . . 250-762-2273
- REACH OUT YOUTH COUNSELLING & FAMILY SERVICES** 250-763-7892
reachoutokanagan@gmail.com

Please remember:
 OUR CHURCH IS A **SCENT-FREE ZONE!** *Avoid wearing perfume, after-shave or heavily scented personal care products*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please complete this form and leave it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

Name (s): _____ **New Parishioner:** **Information Change:**

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CHILDREN	
Name (s)	D.O.B.— (yyyy/mm/dd)

Would you like to be contacted by one of our parish groups?

- CWL Music
- Knights of Columbus Reader
- St. Vincent de Paul Usher

Would you like to pick up Sunday Offertory Envelopes from the ledge in the foyer next week? **Yes** **No**
The label will have your name on it, the number identifies you and a tax receipt will be sent to you at the address that you registered with.

You may also register on-line @

www.stcharlesgarnier.ca where you can

*sign up for the bulletin to be **emailed to you each week.***